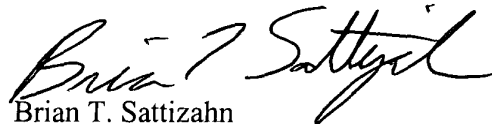


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed contemporaneously with a divisional application to cancel the claims that were prosecuted in the parent application (Application No. 09/489,717) and present the claims that were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner (and subsequently cancelled) after a Restriction Requirement in the parent application. In addition, this preliminary amendment also adds the appropriate cross-reference language to the specification. As this preliminary amendment is being filed simultaneously with the application and includes changes that are supported by the parent application, it is submitted that no new matter is being entered by this preliminary amendment.

If the Examiner believes that prosecution of this Application could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

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